

House Resolution No. 897

Whereas, it was with sad and heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives learned of the death of Lieutenant Terri Fussner, United States Navy, on March 12, 2002, while on active duty; and

Whereas, stationed as a helicopter pilot aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Hayler, Lieutenant Fussner lost her life one day short of her twenty-eighth birthday when her SH-60B Seahawk crashed ten minutes after takeoff eighty miles west of Greece in the Mediterranean Sea while on a routine maintenance check flight; and

Whereas, a native of Ballwin, Lieutenant Fussner was an alumna of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where she was noted for her participation as a member of the swimming team and as a cheerleader; and

Whereas, an excellent athlete who ran marathons and triathlons as an adult, Terri Fussner graduated from Parkway South High School in 1992 in the Top Ten Percent of her class; and

Whereas, during her high school years, Terri Fussner maintained an "A" average in her courses; participated in track, swimming, and cheerleading; was a member of the 1991-1992 state championship cheerleading squad; earned placement on the All-State swimming team as a junior and the All-Conference District track team as a sophomore; and enjoyed induction into National Honor Society and election as her senior year Prom Queen; and

Whereas, the late Lieutenant Fussner is survived by her parents, Joyce and Don Fussner of Manchester, and her husband of four years, Lieutenant Garrett Luebker, United States Navy; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Terri Fussner's military service will be commemorated on March 25, 2002, at a ceremony at the Naval Academy, where a headstone will be placed in her honor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the late Lieutenant Terri Fussner; to memorialize her patriotism, life, and work; and to convey to all of her family members, colleagues, and friends this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences at the passing of her considerable warmth and light from their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Lieutenant Terri Fussner, United States Navy.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles R. Portwood
District No. 92

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 897, adopted March 19, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker